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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: D. E. England |
| MASATO OCHIAI |) | |
| | : | Art Unit: 2143 |
| Application No.: 09/507,941 |) | |
| | : | Conf. No.: 2960 |
| Filed: February 22, 2000 |) | |
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| For: NETWORK DEVICE CONTROL |) | |
| APPARATUS, NETWORK DEVICE | : | |
| CONTROL METHOD, NETWORK |) | |
| DEVICE CONTROL PROGRAM, AND | : | |
| COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING |) | |
| MEDIUM STORING NETWORK | : | |
| CONTROL PROGRAM THEREIN |) | December 27, 2006 |

Mail Stop: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action of August 28, 2006, to December 28, 2006. A Deposit Account payment in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the extension fee is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 503939.

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 10.